



Getting Involved Is The First Step

Parents, you have been seen as the primary players in educating today's youth, your children. Thus, you are the key factor in the success of your child's education. Most students now have approximately 8-10 weeks of school behind them. This represents a "first progress or a first quarter" marking for students. Prior to now, you should have received information from your child's school and teachers, regarding his/her progress. Please take time to review the progress reports seriously. It is important that parents/guardians begin to participate in day-to-day school life activities.

Seven school steps for parents to follow:

- Post the name and telephone numbers of the school principal, counselor and teachers in accessible ("a quick-to-get-to" location) at work and home.
- Provide the school with parent/guardian contacts and telephone numbers, home and work numbers.
- Review together with your child the course/class syllabus and pay close attention to the teacher expectations for students.
- Develop a rapport with the school. Call and write a note to teachers to check on the progress of your child.
- Schedule teacher conferences in order to become familiar with student progress, prior to the development of critical school/classroom issues.
- Review homework assignments and ask your child critical questions regarding "lessons (skills) taught", prior to the assignment of homework.
- Take an "active" role in getting involved in the school in which your child attends. This may include attendance in monthly parent meetings, site councils, school fund-raisers, student government/athletic activities and/or other volunteer opportunities. (Don't wait to be asked or called, make the contact yourself!)

"It Takes a Village to Raise a Child".